

About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

**GETS EARLY START**  
J. Drayden Smith started in life as an early bird and has held the pace ever since. He was born near Opelika Jan. 1, 1887, on the first day of the year. On the first day of the month and the first day of the week.

Under the new rules, drivers' licenses fall due on the driver's birthday so Mr. Smith received one of the first licenses of expiration issued from the Elba probate office this year. Harold English, clerk in the probate office, explained that driver's license fall due on the driver's birthday according to whether he or she was born during an odd or even year. Mr. Smith was born during an odd year so he lost several months on his first license.

Mr. Smith stated that there are a number of 88ers who are living or have resided in Elba. Besides himself he recalls Benzo Bryan, Jess Blocker, Will Brunson, Walter Whitman and Finney Sisson. He said he could mention several ladies who are 88ers, but will refrain from doing so for reasons of personal peace and safety.

**BOLD BEHIND**  
Mr. & Mrs. Wayland Young returned Saturday afternoon from Waco, Texas where they spent the Christmas holidays with their son, Sam, who is stationed at an air base near there. Mr. Young said that Waco is 100 miles south of Dallas and the flowers and other vegetation were blooming beautifully. He reported they were planning to visit his brother in Dallas but a blizzard made the highways in that region impassable.

Mr. & Mrs. Young returned via the southern route. He said he left home with southern clothes and when he was informed that a cold front was headed that way so far as he was concerned it was a matter of a cold behind.

**TICKS HOME**  
Mr. & Mrs. Horton H. Pick and sons returned Sunday evening from Des Moines, Ia., and Kansas City, Mo. where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives.

They visited Mr. Pick's mother, Mrs. M. H. Pick, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Boyce in Des Moines. Then the senior Mrs. Pick accompanied them to Kansas City to visit a brother, Robert, and family. Mr. Pick's mother accompanied them to Elba for a visit.

**CATCHES BIG ONES**  
Buddy Clark was showing one of the finest strings of big trout Friday evening seen in Elba in some time. The five fish weighed over 20 pounds, the largest tipping the scales at 6 1/2 pounds. They were caught at Coffee Lake. Gordie Clark, operator of the lake, stated Monday many fine trout are being caught there these days.

**DIMES**  
The Coffee County March of Dimes Chapter is broke. Dooder Roberts, county chairman, said at a kickoff dinner for the annual fund drive Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Paul's Cafe.

Roberts explained that half of what is collected in the drive is to stay in Coffee County.

E. W. Atkins, chairman of the drive told the group of 25 persons that there are 70,000 polio victims in the U. S. undergoing treatment, even in the face of that is being done. Last year vaccine inoculations were given 400,000 children, yet the U. S. is the worst epidemic in the world of the country.

**JOGAR FAMILY HOME**  
Rev. & Mrs. Edvin T. Edgar and little son, Billie, returned Sunday from Jonesboro, Ark. where they spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Edgar's parents. Rev. Edgar went on to Kansas City, Mo. after Christmas where he attended a three-day session of the Methodist Ministerial School. He reported a large attendance and a wonderful program.

**SCHOOLS REOPEN**  
Coffee County schools reopened Monday morning after the 10-day Christmas vacation.

**CHARLES L. CORDLE**  
Charles L. Cordle, quartermaster second class, U.S.N., spent Christmas in London, England while stationed at headquarters of Admiral John H. Cassady, commander in chief of the U.S. Naval Forces in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

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Mystery Farm Photo to Be Identified



The operator of the farm pictured above will receive a beautiful enlargement photo free if he will call at The Clipper and identify his farm. Everyone in the farm should let The Clipper know, so that the identity can be published next week.

Mrs. Rommel Smith Identifies Farm

Mrs. Rommel Smith identified last week's mystery farm picture as the home of Mr. & Mrs. LeCompte of Victoria. As Mr. or Mrs. LeCompte did not come in to pick up their free aerial photo, positive identification is not possible.

J. O. Nevels Finds Egg Within an Egg

J. O. Nevels was recently exhibiting one of the largest hen eggs he ever saw. He broke the egg open and inside found another fully developed egg, shell and all. Both eggs and whites and yolks were of good flavor.

Mr. Nevels said he was the first double egg of the kind he ever saw and other persons who saw the freak agreed with him.

War Is Up

War is up in the Elba area. The Elba area is within the city limits and is being used for the storage of military equipment. The Elba area is being used for the storage of military equipment.

City Council Meeting Held

Extending the city limits, license fees and purchasing of a section of concrete pipe were the subjects covered at the regular meeting of the Elba City Council Monday night at the municipal building.

The license fee for T. Q. Richardson for selling shrubbery and trees was lowered from \$25 to \$12.50. The license of \$5.50 on weighing scales was not changed.

Dr. C. P. Hayes brought out that not all of the airport lands are within the city limits and suggested that it should be. Two ways in which this is done are through an election or an act of the state legislature.

Mayor Mullins said he would ask City Attorney Charles Rowe which way it could be handled. The only person who would be eligible to vote in an annexation election for this territory would be Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Weeks who are still residing on the land they sold to the city for the airport.

Discussion of the purchase of some four foot wide concrete pipe was held and Mayor Mullins was authorized to go ahead with the buying of it if there was a place to use it.

Bills paid were: Shelby Morrow \$1.50; Pure Oil \$14.10; Am Station, \$14.13; Standard Service Station, \$87.83; Hardware, \$7.35; Recording fees for airport land, \$13; Common Motors, \$1.20; Vaughn Furniture, \$15.99; Ham & Marsh Insurance, \$369.88; Veterans Auto Parts, \$24.62; Hooper, McDonald & de Jarrette, \$109; Dorsey Chevrolet, \$83.05.

Postmaster Exam Scheduled

An examination for Postmaster at Elba with a salary of \$3070 per year, will be open for receipt of applications until February 1, 1955, the Civil Service Commission announced today.

Competitors for the postmaster vacancy in this city must have at least two years of experience showing that they have the ability to conduct and manage the community's postal business efficiently and to supervise employees so that customers are satisfied with the service.

Competitors must show that they can deal with the public agreeably and effectively and that they are reliable citizens who would command the respect and confidence of patrons of the post office.

Applicants must take a written test. Those who pass will be assigned final ratings on the basis of this test on their experience, ability, and character. There is a one-year residence requirement and applicants must be at least 25 years of age and at least two years of experience.

Complete information about the examination requirements and instructions for filing applications may be obtained at the post office where this examination is being announced. Application forms must be filed with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. and must be received or postmarked not later than the closing date.

The examination will be held in Laverne.

County's Largest Man Dies

William Matthew Davis, 48, died Jan. 4 at his home in Sand Hill community following an illness of several months. He was a farmer and had resided in that community most of his life. He was a member of Bethlehem Church of Christ.

Mr. Davis was probably the largest man in Coffee County, being well over six feet tall and had weighed as much as 425 pounds. He was tremendously strong and many incidents are told of his feats of strength.

Mr. Davis used to order his overalls through Smith Brothers Store. Mr. Smith said the first order was held up until a check was made on the unusual dimensions. Mr. Smith told them the size was OK, that he just raised real men down here in Coffee County.

Surviving are his father, L. G. Davis; seven brothers, C. F., L. M. S. J. B. D. G. A. C. and Roy D. Davis; three sisters, Mrs. Abna Moore, Mrs. Cora Deuser and Mrs. Fannie Thompson.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at Bethlehem Church of Christ with Rev. Young and John Sanders officiating.

Nephews acted as pallbearers. They were Billie, Hugh, Lester, Daulton, Malcolm, Roy F. and Claude Davis and Earl Dougherty. Nieces acted as flower girls. Interment was in Bethlehem Home directing.

Elba Receives Publicity

By C. B. McDowell

After reading the nice things the Montgomery Advertiser said about me and some of my friends in Sunday's issue, I feel that I should offer some apologies for the more or less harsh things I have said in my column about the M. A.

However, I am constrained to say in my defense that I was severely provoked on several occasions at what appeared in the Advertiser's news and editorial columns bespattering the good name of my long-time friend, President Grover Cleveland Moore who was tremendously popular during his first administration. A disastrous depression that hit during his later reign dimmed his popularity to a great extent.

Dr. Moore's hobby is raising Walker hounds. W. L. English said Dr. Walker has reason to be proud of eight of the prettiest puppies he ever saw. The Clipper joins the community in extending a hearty welcome to Dr. Moore.

Notwithstanding all of the complaints that I have felt justified in making against the Advertiser's treatment of "Big Jim" in the past, I am duly grateful for the liberal space given in Sunday's paper publicizing the inaugural ceremonies to be held in Montgomery Monday, Jan. 17 when James E. Folsom, Governor of Alabama, will take over the gubernatorial reins of the state.

The Advertiser featured several Elba citizens, including Mayor L. F. Mullins, Probate Judge J. O. English, J. H. English and "Big Jim" Folsom. The provocation was too aggravating for me to stand without retaliation to my part.

After analyzing the multitudinous slurs and derogatory statements I see that they are to some extent due to the fact that the Advertiser is so "damned" blamed for giving him a "dig" at every possible opportunity.

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Andalusia Opposes

After a long holiday rest, Elba's victorious Tigers will return Friday night to the basketball court against Andalusia. The Tigers are in the limelight in Alabama basketball circles and are receiving much attention in the state press on account of their undefeated season last year.

Suffering no reverses so far this year, Elba has downed Lurline twice (45-36 and 60-40), Pleasant Home (59-58), Enterprise, 40-33, Greenville (58-43), Georgiana (41-34) and Kinston (62-56).

Roland Powell, who started on last year's team and also played a lot of football, has a commanding lead in the Tiger scoring department with 129 points in seven games for an 18.4 average. He is all-state material.

Following Andalusia, Dothan is the next contest at Dothan on Friday, January 14.

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Holiday Visitors Leave

Doyle Morrow left Friday morning for San Diego, Calif. after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Morrow. Doyle said he has only a few more weeks of training at the naval base after which he expects to board a ship for sea duty.

**RETURNS TO FT. DEVENS**  
Robert Newton, after spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary Newton, and other relatives, left Friday morning for Ft. Devens, Mass.

**TO DECATUR, GA.**  
Dr. D. F. McDowell returned to his home in Decatur, Ga. after spending the Christmas holidays with Elba relatives.

Mrs. C. B. McDowell and daughter, Mrs. Mary Newton, accompanied their sons, Dr. D. F. McDowell and Robert Newton, to Montgomery Friday morning.

Records Show 1954 Rainfall at Kinston Half of Normal

Month	1954	Normal
January	2.68	1.55
February	3.22	1.75
March	3.22	1.55
April	3.22	1.55
May	3.22	1.55
June	3.22	1.55
July	3.22	1.55
August	3.22	1.55
September	3.22	1.55
October	3.22	1.55
November	3.22	1.55
December	3.22	1.55
TOTAL	31.71	15.05

Of the six-year period records have been kept here, 1953 had the heaviest rainfall with 73.48 inches. But even with the heavy rainfall for 1953, moisture was light during some months of the crop season. Almost half the 1953 rainfall (32.23 inches) came in two months. In September 1953 the heaviest ever recorded, even exceeding the flood of the year of 1929.

On only nine days of 1954 did rainfall measure one inch or more and that was on:

January 23	1.10
February 23	1.10
March 19	1.55
April 21	1.05
June 17	1.40
July 17	1.60
August 8	2.95
August 20	3.18
November 14	1.18

Except for the 20.10 inches of rainfall in the month of December, 1953, the 1954 crop might have been almost a complete failure in this area. The heavy rain for that month gave the earth a good soaking and started the year off with a reserve of moisture and helped crops through with but half the annual rain.

The year 1955 is coming in without any moisture reserve and may be low.

Ordinarily, crops other than cotton, grow better when there is around 65 inches of rain. Cotton is a sun crop and usually fruits heavier when there is 50 to 55 inches. Corn, peanuts and pastures need more and to do well need frequent showers at fruiting time.

One thing in favor of crops coming through with so little rainfall in 1954 was that there was no packing rain after the fields were plowed in preparation for planting and the looseness of the soil enabled plants to root deeper as well as held the moisture that was in the earth. But with this advantage, crops were short and peanuts almost a complete failure in 1954. For peanuts to produce a satisfactory crop there must be surface moisture at the time of sending "pins" into the ground to produce the nuts.

WRECKED CAR UNCLAIMED

Police Officer Frazier Alder reports that a speeding car overturned Saturday evening on a curve on the Elba-Brantley road. The driver was not seriously injured and came to Elba but has not been heard from since.

The car bore a Pennsylvania tag and was considerably damaged.

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# Through the Keyhole

By Mrs. Robert Cannon

A STAR IS IN THE SKY was the Christmas cantata given by the Baptist Youth Choir in December. The cantata was written by Bruce Carleton and featured several solo parts which were aptly handled by Louise Gwyn Dismukes, Tula Dismukes, Owen Ziglar, Bobby Dismukes, and Paul Miller. Director, James Paterno, added a duet arrangement of "Away in the Manger" and an eight-voice rendition of "Silent Night." Singing the duet were Louise Gwyn Dismukes and Judy Pinckard. The whole was highly effective and we heard many compliments paid to these young Baptists.

The Youth choir was organized several years ago as an evening service choir. Since then, however, the youths have been called on for many morning and special services. Adding to the beauty of the voices is the music supplied by Mrs. Claude Dorsey at the organ (inset on right) and Mrs. Kim Dorsey (on left).

PLAYING WITH THE AUBURN



It is always interesting to see local personalities rise to fame and fortune. We have enjoyed seeing several friends prosper in the television medium. On a national level Douglas Edwards has reached the top of the ladder. Douglas was one of the first radio men to believe in and back television and his faith has been repaid. He has several shows, perhaps the most famous being "This Is Your Life." Douglas Edwards was born and educated in Troy and returned there last year to be guest of honor at homecoming.

With the opening of Montgomery's new television station we saw an old school friend Leroy Paul do a beautiful job of news casting. And have even seen Hugh Wilson, former minister of the Opp Methodist Church, perform a marriage on the air waves—a situation he handled with his characteristic aplomb.

VISITING JANET WARR this past weekend was Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong of Montgomery. Enjoyed two afternoon chats with them when they stopped enroute to the movies. Mary Elizabeth told me she had received a new game called "Meet the Presidents" and immediately be-

## Army Modernization Program Includes More Helicopters

WASHINGTON—The United States Army is due to have a 3-D look by mid-1954 and the third dimension will be one of height. In a modernization program designed to bolster the Army's aviation strength over the next 37 months, plans call for a sixfold increase in Army helicopter strength. In addition, greatly increased numbers of light utility aircraft will go into service for artillery spotting, reconnaissance, command and courier missions, column control, transportation of Army supplies and units, medical evacuation and aerial photography. Experience in Korea and World War II already has resulted in establishment of a sizeable Army air service. Today, the Army operates 3,300 aircraft, with an additional 600 light planes assigned to the National Guard. These planes give the traditionally carbomb troops vastly improved mobility, freeing both men and equipment from the limitations of roads, mountains, morasses, and mud.

Emphasis will be placed on a build-up of Army helicopter strength, which now stands at less than 200. Under the present setup, most of the 200 helicopters are assigned to six Army transportation companies (each with 21 cargo and two utility "copters"), with the remaining "copters" distributed among the Army's 17 divisions.

By mid-1954, the Army's helicopter strength should rise to about 1,200. Twelve cargo battalions (36 companies) will account for 750 cargo and 72 utility helicopters. In addition, 26 to 28 helicopters and 16 training aircraft will be assigned to each of the Army's divisions.

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gave to ask me such questions as "Who was the 14th president?" and "Which president had 15 children?" She, of course, knew the answers—I failed miserably. At the same time the Warrs were entertaining the precocious blonde miss, younger brother Whit was visiting in the Johnson household down the street. He and the three sons of Elizabeth and Leslie Johnson were having great fun at the last report.

STRICTLY PERSONAL. Wearing the popular tuxedo pants and looking cute and slim in them are the members of the younger set. Nancy Carney chose black pants with contrasting cuffs and matching skirt; Susan Murphree complimented slender black pants with a pink collar and shirt; Paty Sellers has pink cuffs and dark trousers while a certain gay young matron affects gay patchy lounge pants at home.

A NEW YEARS EVE DINNER honoring the newbies, Betty Joyce (Watson) and Charles Ellis was held at the John and Ida Kimmy's home with the Ross Clark as co-hosts. The dining table was covered with a lovely lace cloth and centered with a seasonal centerpiece. In the adjoining living room small tables were dressed in gay red cloths and centered with holly encircled candles. Placed around the rooms were arrangements of white chrysanthemums and poinsettias. The whole effect paid a lovely compliment to Betty Joyce's blonde beauty.

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## SHORT STORY

Patrick's Word By F. L. Rowley

PATRICK BURKE had two loves. The first was a deep and undying affection for his dark-haired daughter Polly; the second, an inordinate fondness for strong liquor.

These two loves had long lived in the old man's heart, and he looked much worse for the worse for the struggle.

This morning as he sat on the edge of his bed rubbing his eyes, Patrick took a sudden decision. He would drink no more. May the devil take him if he did. Polly would be proud of her father yet—just wait!

Polly bounded into the room now as Patrick was picking his shirt and serge coat from the floor.

"Daddy," she cried breathlessly, "we've been invited to the outdoor premiere of Johnny's play! Let's talk wonderful!"

"I'll probably be a flop!" Patrick muttered.

The cake was embossed in yellow rose buds of spun sugar and with gilded foliage. This was on a mirrored plaque encircled with blue and white ruffles. Mrs. G. D. Bryan (daughter) and Miss Barbara Jean Touhy (a r. n. d. daughter) served coffee and cake. Mrs. Troy Toney presided over the gifts.

Mrs. Smith was becomingly attired in a turquoise blue dress with matching hat. Her corsage was a yellow orchid. Mrs. Smith wore a yellow carnation boutonniere.

Children who were present were Mrs. Troy Toney of Farmington, Ark.; John D. Smith and

"Great Scott!" cried Patrick frantically, "I'm in it!"

"Flop!" snapped Polly indignantly. "Well, I like that! A critic who saw the dress-rehearsal says it'll be a smash hit. Johnny got his idea for the play from Dante's Divine Comedy."

"Didn't think he had any ideas of his own," observed Patrick. "Very well, then—don't go!" cried Polly angrily.

Then, as Patrick sat back to back in the warmth of his own righteousness, temptation struck! It came through the kitchen doorway in the person of Dennis Moorey. Dennis got to the point at once:

"I hear from the lips of Officer Reagan," said Dennis, "that his son Johnny plans to ask your Polly to marry him—tonight!"

Patrick jumped up with his mouth open and his lips twitching—like a fish in warm water. "This is a bitter blow," Dennis old friend— "a bitter blow!"

"It's rank ingratitude, Pat, that's what it is!" snarled Dennis. "You've given that girl not only a father's protection, but a mother's tender care these many years. You look bad, chum. How about a quick one down at Kelly's Place?"

And so it was that Patrick's good intentions fell by the way. It was dark when Patrick staggered home. The street lights swung like glowing pendulums on willow poles. The very sidewalks were soft and bilious. The world was warm and kind.

Out in the park an orchestra was marking time to Johnny's new play. The lights had been dimmed. A bluish glow bathed the tree-sheltered stage. Suddenly bright tongues of red and orange light danced to the accompaniment of agonized howls by unseen demons.

Patrick Burke threw his arm around a tree and blinked. "Great Scott!" cried Patrick frantically, "I'm in it!"

Huge billows of sulphur-laden smoke rolled in from all sides. Lights played on the swaying figures, etching their hideous features on Patrick's mind.

"No! No!" he screamed. "It

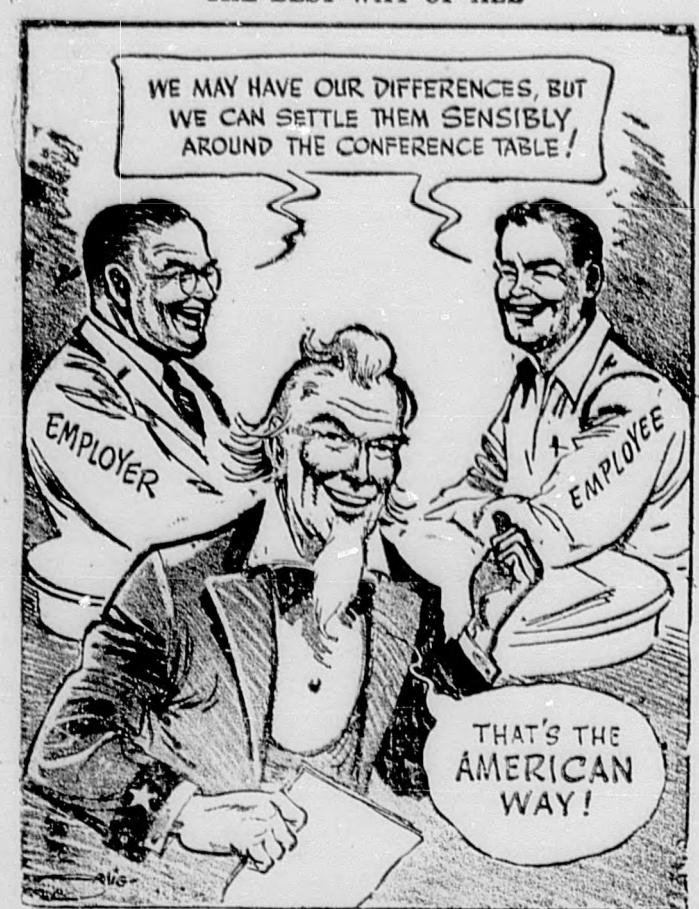
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Umatilla, Florida  
Dec. 27, 1954

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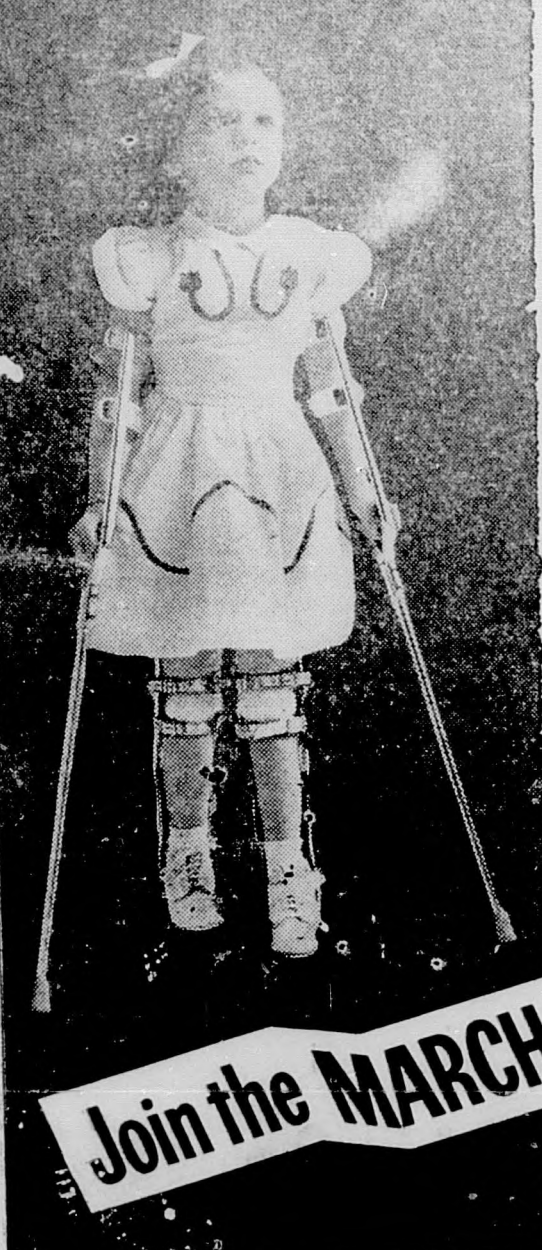
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#### Nothing Certain

By Maurice Vincent

JIM WAINWRIGHT had no idea earlier in the morning, as he combed his unruly, dark hair and tried to sew disgustedly at his regular features in the shaving mirror, that his most important assignment for the day was to be the teacher and the United States Government.

He had been happy on his way to work, shoulders back and blue eyes glinting merrily at an unbecoming world.

When Jim received the assignment on a piece of copy paper from the Officer Candidate school, United States Air Force, Dec. 9, and will begin active duty as a commissioned officer.

Graduation ceremonies for the class 54-D were held at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, home of Air Force OCS. The graduation speaker for the class of 105 new second lieutenants was Major General Eugene E. Fubank, commander of the Technical Training Air Force at Gulfport, Miss.

Mr. Collier is a 1949 graduate of Elba high school and entered the Air Force in December of the same year. Before being assigned to OCS, he was NCOIC of the procession section of the 3500th USAF Recruiting Sq. at Lackland. His wife, Mrs. Juanita Collier, resides at 206 Rockwood Ct., San Antonio.

Award of the commissions culminated six months of study and practical application in Air Force administration and leadership techniques for class members. For the majority of the officers, graduation represented an advancement from the airman ranks, main source of Air Force officer candidates.

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## Editorials

### Dorsey Bonus Check Helps Christmas Trade

Last week after the Christmas rush was over and merchants had time to figure up their total sales, many of them found they had the best Christmas eve trade they had ever experienced. Coming on the heels of an extremely slow Yule season, it helped many of them over a difficult hump.

While many shoppers normally wait until the last minute to do their gift buying there was an added reason behind this year's buying spree. That was the bonus check given out at the trailer plant. Without asking the company for verification, we are going to estimate that around 300 people on the payroll received an average bonus of \$40. This means an unexpected \$12,000 was dropped into the Elba trade channels right at a time it was needed most.

This one bonus check alone meant more

to Elba than the entire peanut crop this fall. In the whole county only \$870,000 was realized from the sale of peanuts and about one-half of this amount had to go for fertilizer and seed. Every businessman and farmer knows planting, cultivation and harvesting cost more than was received. Peanuts did not bring money into Elba this year, but, on account of the drought, took it out.

On the other hand, the approximate \$12,000 trailer plant bonus was all net. That is there was no seed and fertilizer bill to be paid out of it before it could be spent.

Merchants should realize the normal late-buying spirit that turned into a bonanza of trade was given this \$12,000 shot in the arm by the Dorsey Trailer plant bonus.

### Employees Share the Profit-Not the Losses

Before Christmas when Dorsey Trailers announced each employee would receive a bonus of 20 per cent of his base pay plus an equal amount set aside for the welfare fund, many of the men at the plant received a tremendous boost. The profit-sharing plan announced by Claude Dorsey was no longer viewed with skepticism but with appreciation that comes when additional dollars jingle in a man's pocket.

In the employees' bulletin of Dec. 23, E. W. Akins, head accountant, wrote:

"But are those reactions entirely accurate? Actually, on Nov. 1 the owners of Dorsey Trailers put each employee in business. They furnished the capital; they furnished the facilities; they furnished the equipment; they furnished the personnel with the 'know-how.' In effect they said, 'This is your business—you can make as much profit (bonus) as you wish. All we ask is for a return on our investment. (A return far less than they could have had.)"

"So each of us, without making any expenditure or capital outlay, has been set up in business. We have the prerogative of

working at our business, doing our jobs with efficiency and harmony with each of our partners, or we can waste material, time and money."

How will each of us run our business? Remember, the fact that we are in business with you. He is anxious to see his business succeed, but he needs your help and cooperation.

Each of us, working with one another, can keep our production lines filled and realize the satisfaction of seeing our business grow and expand."

There's one important fact not mentioned in the bulletin. That is, the workers at the plant have been asked to share in the profits—but not the losses. In most businesses there are usually some bad periods. The management at Dorsey's always will have to weather the tough times. But they didn't ask the employees to be prepared to ante up their share of the losses in slack periods.

The publisher wonders if somewhere on earth there is an "angel" who will back his newspaper on the same basis. It sure would be nice. Most at the trailer plant should appreciate and realize what is being done for them.

### Changing Alabama Business Picture Important

The University of Alabama Business News recently carried a report on income in Alabama as it has grown and changed in the past quarter century. It shows the kind and direction of economic development which is going on within the state.

Alabama received larger total income payments in 1953 than at any other time in the last quarter century, but real income was just two and a half times that of 1929. In 1929 average income was \$305, it dropped to \$154 in 1933 and then started climbing to the record high of \$1,043 in 1953. However, in the entire United States only two states had a lower per capita income—Arkansas and Mississippi.

When adjusted to the real value of a dollar now and in 1929, the per capita figure of \$658 for 1953 was 8 per cent below the adjusted high record in 1949. Income rose 58 per cent from 1945 to 1953, but at the same time prices went up 52 per cent. Since population rose 12 per cent over this same period, the net effect was a decline. While per capita income in Alabama also increased at a more rapid rate over the long term (1929-1953) than in the nation as a whole, however, Alabama's pace slowed considerably from 1950 to 1953, and during the last year of the period the increase per capita was no greater than the nation.

Worth noting is the fact that there was a sizable reduction in agricultural income in the nation from 1952 to 1953 but in Alabama farm income made small advances.

Distribution of the sources of income

### Way Found to Beat "Junk Mail"

If you are fed up with deliveries of "junk mail," you can do something about it. A Washington housewife has pointed the way.

Irked by getting endless amounts of sales offers addressed to "Occupant" or to "Postal" Patron, this housewife finally hit on a means of striking back. She started to fill out all of the blank order forms in the "junk" mail and send them back in the special envelopes calling for collection of postage at the other end.

Only, on the line for the customer's name, she wrote instead one of the magic words, "Occupant" or "Postal Patron," whichever had been used by the sender.

### JOHN H. TAYLOR

M-Sgt. John H. Taylor, 27, whose wife, Joanna, and parents, Mr. & Mrs. C. Phillips, live on Rt. 2, Kinross, is serving with the 76th Engineer Construction Battalion in Korea.

A member of Headquarters & Service Co., Sgt. Taylor arrived overseas last month from Camp Gordon, Ga. He entered the Army in 1945.

In Alabama changed considerably from 1940 to 1953. Agriculture has been steadily declining while government and manufacturing have played an increasingly important role in providing income payments.

Returns from agriculture are relatively low, and this is reflected by the fact that the rural farm population represents approximately 30 per cent of the state's population while agricultural income is only 9 per cent of the total income.

Wages and salaries have consistently been the most important form of income payments in Alabama. Proprietors' and property income were less important in 1953 than in 1929.

While these trends in total and per capita income are significant measures of the change in the economic well-being of the people, what do they mean to Elba?

The figures mean that compared to the rest of the United States Alabama and Elba have a low spot on the economic totem pole. While you won't find any better people anywhere, they just don't have as much hard cash to spend as "northerners."

Get more manufacturing in Elba and everyone will have more money. Competition for new plants is keen as more and more municipalities realize how important this payroll money is. They almost without exception put up a plant or aid in another way. If Elba ever gets another chance at a plant, every person should go all out to bring it to town. That's the way to grow and prosper.

Then, of course, she wrote the name of her home town, no address, naturally.

Should this housewife's revenge trick catch on, "junk" mail could become so costly and unprofitable that it would be dropped in short order.

### Reeves Furniture Bought Out

Last week we carried a news item and editorial on Max Reeves moving to Atlanta. Since then we have learned S. P. Carpenter bought out Mr. Reeves and will continue operating the business.

### EDMON PHILLIPS

Pfc. Edmon Phillips, whose wife, Mary, and parents, Mr. & Mrs. L. C. Phillips, live on Rt. 2, Kinross, is serving in Korea with the 434th Engineer Construction Battalion.

A heavy equipment operator in the battalion's Co. B, Phillips entered the Army in December, 1953, and arrived overseas last July. He completed basic training at Camp Gordon, Ga.

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By Bill Patterson



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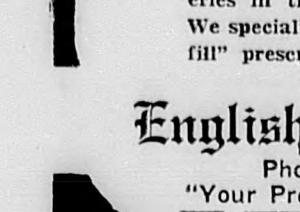
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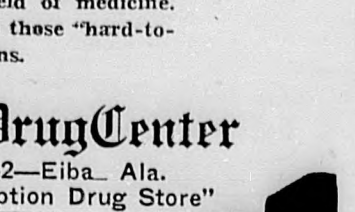
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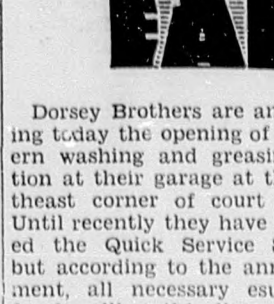
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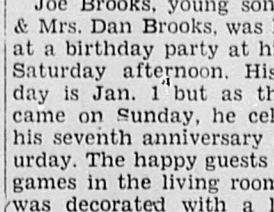
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